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ANTI-CAP

MUSIC FOR THE FUTURE

LOOK, HERE'S THE DEAL:

I'm not a civics professor, an economist,
a music scholar, a professional artist,
OR an accredited writer.

What I am is fucking sick and tired
of living the delusion that there is no way
to better our world in the face of
the most powerful monsters in human history.

Our capital is what gives them power.
A change of mindset is what we need.

With that in mind, I invite you to join me
as I explore music - new and old - that
screams to the world: We can
do better than this!

PUSSY RIOT

I was aware of Pussy Riot from their highly-publicized arrest in 2012 for protesting the re-election of Vladimir Putin, but (I'm ashamed to say) I never looked into their music.

Now that I have, may I just say...
Ho-lee-shit. They are described as

"A Russian feminist protest and performance art group based in Moscow"

and they live up to the description!

This is a group that is more than just a band. They need to be heard AND seen. Here is a song of theirs from 2016 that is still painfully relevant today.

MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

What do you want your world to look like?

What do you want it to be?

Do you know that a wall has two sides?

And nobody is free?

Did your mama come from Mexico

Papa come from Palestine

Sneaking all through Syria

Crossing all the border lines

LET OTHER PEOPLE IN
LISTEN TO YOUR WOMEN
STOP KILLING BLACK CHILDREN
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

Could you imagine a politician

Calling a woman a dog?

Do you wanna stay in the kitchen?

Is that where you belong?

How do you picture the perfect leader?

How do you want him to be?

Has he promoted the use of torture

And killing families?

dead pioneers

I discovered Dead Pioneers at the end of 2023 when they released their break-out self-titled album. I was absolutely blown away by their brutal and unapologetic critique of American society for its history of colonialism and racism, and its refusal to leave them behind.

Though I could pick from practically ANY of their songs, I will share the first song that I heard. If it doesn't fire you up the way it did for me, maybe you'd better stop reading now, because it doesn't get any better than this.

POLITICAL SONG

This is not a political song
These are just words

Demoralizing Muslims
Keeping marriage from someone
because they don't fit your
hetero-normative lifestyle
The mutually exclusive statements
of Choices and Life
Religious zealots judging you with eyes and ears
that told you not to judge on Sunday

- Black Lives Matter
- Equal rights
- Voting rights
- Trans rights
- Latino rights
- Workers rights
- Immigrant rights
- Land rights
- Marriage rights
- Gay rights
- Black rights
- Indigenous rights
- Labor rights

No one's illegal on stolen land

And by the way, this is not a political song
It's possible that everything we believe is wrong

We politicize Black and Brown bodies, women,
Self identifying humans that are told they
From where I sit, there is a clear discussion
And the only people here are colonizers,
And there are hostiles on our homelands

And by the way, this is not a political song

In order to make it, you must be mean
Compassion doesn't
Dismissiveness,
Red MAGA hats in a sea of red that just
And they believe they want to
How dare you want anything from
How dare you have an opinion
Democracy is what I think it should be,
'Cause fascism is fun
He who has the most money
The made-up doctrine
If you have a lot of money,
Especially if you're in the so-called

And by the way, it's not a political song

reproduction, babies in cages
aren't human because they don't fit- whatever
about these lands
immigrants, stolen people, and Indigenous people

It's possible that everything we believe is wrong

and cruel
make it in this world
divisiveness
want to believe what they want to believe
punch you in your stupid face
a country you owe everything to!
that counters anyone else!
and not what it is, right?
and hate crimes are fashionable
is the most pious
of prosperity
then you are favored by God
United States of America

It's possible that everything we believe is wrong

And as we clamor to survive
It becomes easy to
Because they're in your way,
That even those who want to burn
An anarchist love affair, right wing assault
Gadsden flags that used to stand for
And now it stands for supporting the abuse of
of government
And now it's just stupid,
Tiki torch whites are asking you to pick a side
And grey areas be damned, heaven forbid
That would be communistic in nature,
But three cheers for the train wreck
It's ok if everything dies,
And by the way, this is not a political song

WE ARE IN THE LAND OF SPIRIT EATERS
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN JOHN TRUDELL SAID THAT?
PROTECT YOUR SPIRIT BECAUSE
WE RE IN THE SPACE WHERE SPIRITS GET EATEN

in our respective streets
hate one another
or you don't like their disposition
everything down must have hope, right?
rifle infidelity, death and taxes
constitutionalism and limited government
constitutional rights and limitations
under fascist militias
and exhausting
because everything is black and white
we share space, and resources and ideas
and I hear that that's against nature
that is late stage capitalism
just as long as it dies under my boot

It's possible that everything we believe is wrong

SMILE EMPTY SOUL

"prophecy fulfilled" by
Smile Empty Soul on the 2022 EP
"the loss of everything" ... Yeah, I know.

A pessimistic finale for
the very first Anti-Cap zine, but hey—
Sometimes you need to remember how bad
things have gotten to remind yourself that
they can (and should!) get better.

Despite the understandably depressing take
on the state of the world and the average
person's lack of action to mitigate
disaster, Sean Danielsen repeats the
defiant battlecry: I will not bow!

WE. WILL. NOT. BOW.

Are these the final days I heard about when I was 8?
Are people really just too blind to see?
These evil motherfuckers want to crush the human race
And all you stupid fuckers want to bleed

And I'm staring at a wasteland, there's nothing now
I can't believe, how fast it fell
Staring at a wasteland of fear and doubt
Becoming clear, there's no way out

No one's escaping now
We deserve this hell
No one's escaping now
Should have stood your ground

I WILL NOT BOW
I WILL NOT BOW

And now the time has come they're forcing us to medicate
The state is coming from a place of love
These evil motherfuckers want to turn us into slaves
And no one's fighting cause we're all too dumb

I WILL NOT BOW
CAST ME DOWN AGAIN
I WILL NOT BOW

Throw that stone, my friend
Throw that stone, my friend

IF YOU HAVE A SONG, A THOUGHT,
A FEELING, OR ANYTHING KIND
YOU WANT TO SHARE, PLEASE
DO EMAIL ME.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING SHITTY
TO SAY, GO AHEAD, BUT THE
FUTURE IS KIND AND WE'RE
LEAVING YOU BEHIND.

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